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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

The remarks contained herein are made in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) mailed May 3, 2001 (hereinafter "the Notice"). As requested, a copy of the Notice is enclosed (Exhibit 1).

Remarks

It is asserted in the Notice that the oath or declaration filed in this application is unsigned. However, Applicants respectfully note that, in response to a Notice of Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on October 26, 2000, Applicants mailed an executed (signed) Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (hereinafter "Declaration") to the Office on November 20, 2000. Further, Applicants received a date-stamped post card receipt indicating receipt of the executed Declaration by the Office as of November 27, 2000. Copies of both the executed Declaration and the date-stamped post card receipt are enclosed herewith as Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3, respectively. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that at least as of November 27, 2000, a signed oath or declaration was filed in the instant application.

Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that any fees due for late filing of the executed Declaration have been paid. On April 11, 2001, the Office mailed a Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional). In the Notice of Incomplete Reply, the Office asserted that the oath or declaration was unsigned. Again, however, Applicants respectfully submit that as of at least November 27, 2000, a signed oath or declaration was filed in this case, as evidenced by the